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- 1. DESPITE ENCOURAGING VIEWS NOTED IN REFTELS YARG HAS NOW SIGNED ON AS COSPONSOR OF THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, A MOVE WHICH IS HARDLY COMPATIBLE WITH A FAVORABLE EVOLUTION OF US/YAR RELATIONS OR THE YARG'S PROFESSED INTENTION TO FOLLOW A MORE "EVEN-HANDED" POLICY TOWARD THE TWO KOREAS.
- 2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, USUN AND THE WORKING GROUP OF COSPONSORS OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ESTIMATE THAT INTENSE EFFORT WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEFEAT THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. A MOVE TO ABSTENTION BY THE YARG WOULD HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL. ITS COSPONSORSHIP IS DECIDEDLY NOT.
- 3. USUN RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT EMBASSY SANA TO MAKE A NEW DEMARCHE AT PRIME MINISTER OR FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL. DEMARCHE SHOULD STRESS OUR SEVERE DISAPPOINTMENT AT YARG'S ACTION, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH AL-ASNAJ'S STATEMENT ON 6 SEPTEMBER THAT YARG INTENDED TO "DISASSOCIATE" YEMEN FROM ITS PREVIOUS SPONSORSHIP OF THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. WE SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION IS NOT JUST A CONFIDENTIAL

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MATTER BETWEEN THE TWO KOREAS, IT IS AN ADMITTED ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT A MAJOR SECURITY INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES.

SHOULD THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION CARRY IN THE UNGA, U.S. FORCES, IN KOREA UNDER A BILATERAL AGREEMENT, WILL, OF COURSE, NOT WITHDRAW. NONETHELESS, PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION WOULD INEVITABLY ADD A NEW ELEMENT OF INSTABILITY TO A SENSITIVE AND DIFFICULT PART OF THE WORLD. WE WOULD THINK THAT NO COUNTRY COULD VIEW SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT A MEASURE OF THE DEEP CONCERN WHICH IS FELT BY THE UNITED STATES, AND WOULD HOPE THAT, IN THE INTEREST OF STABILITY AND DEVELOPING U.S./YAR RELATIONS, THE YARG WILL SEE FIT TO WITHDRAW ITS CONSPONSORSHIP AND, AT THE LEAST, ABSTAIN ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

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